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PROGRESS MADE General Marshall Holds First Conference

CHUNGKING, JAN. 7.—GENERAL MARSHALL, TO DAY MET GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST LEADERS IN A HISTORIC SESSION, DECLARING THAT THE FIRST CONFERENCE HAD MADE PROGRESS.

GENERAL MARSHALL, WHO CAME TO CHINA IN PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S SPECIAL ENVOY, SAID NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE RESUMED TO MORROW. HIS COMMENT ON PROGRESS BEEN MADE IN HIS FIRST MEETING SINCE HE SET OUT INTO THE MIDDLE OF CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION LEFT TO THE METHODS LEADING TO A SETTLED FUTURE.

Marshall met for about three hours with Communist General Chou En-lai and General Chiang Kai-shek, representing the Chinese Government.

All agreed, nothing to be done, and progress had been made.

It was reported, however, that the "peace" order will be given when the committee of three concludes its work, possibly Tuesday.

It also was understood that political problems were touched upon in today's session, which was devoted entirely to discussion of details for a truce and restoration of China's paralyzed communications system.

After the conference, General Marshall told reporters it would be "highly undesirable" to discuss the full character of their talks now, but he promised a full statement would be made when they finished.

General Chou added, "It has been a good morning."

General Chiang added, "It went very well."

Associated Press.

THREE-PARTY MEETINGS

CHUNGKING, JAN. 7.—REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, COMMUNIST PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE WORKED BUSY EVENING HOURS, BEHIND SCENES IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES ON THE VARIOUS NATIONAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THE JOINT CONFERENCE OPENS ON JAN. 10.

THE CHIEFLINESS IS INSPIRED BY THE FEELING THAT THE AGREEMENT FOR A TRUCE IN CHINA REPORTEDLY SIGNED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THE CONFERENCE GETS UNDER WAY.

There is a strong belief that the order for "cease-fire" on both sides must be in effect after Monday's meeting of the "committee of three." The key committee includes Gen. George C. Marshall, the special American envoy, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, representing the Government, and Gen. Chou En-lai, representing the Communists.

With a truce in effect, a high hurdle will have been cleared, but there are many others before China can traverse a road of unity and peaceful reconstruction.

Hopes for a final settlement between the Government and Communists, who have been quarrelling since 1927 and exchanging blows off and on, have reached a new high mark although the more cautious prefer to wait and see if achieved before casting aside their present doubts.

Representatives of the different parties are trying to reach the widest measure of agreement possible before the long-deferred unity conference starts. Discussions are proceeding in an atmosphere of greatest cordiality.

Government and Communist representatives are meeting, or due to meet, like old friends and treat each other with a respect befitting the highest bonds of Chinese courtesy.

A PARADOX

The fact that as they eat and drink together, their respective armies are clashing in a dozen scattered points is regarded almost as a humorous paradox.

At a mixed party here a leading Communist playfully dug a Government official in the ribs and with a beating face turned to a foreign correspondent and said, "We used to go to school together. Now we are fighting each other." Then he laughed.

Correspondents in Chungking have found senior Communist delegates here diametrically elusive in the past few days.

Chou En-lai practically has to be watched before he can be approached. Communist secretaries smile blankly and say, "He's out," when asked if Chou En-lai or any other Communist leaders are home. This is the reply despite the fact that the sought-after personages are very much at home.

This elusiveness has caused some bitterness among correspondents who recall how easily accessible Chou En-lai and others were when they had verbal attacks to launch against the Government.

HOPEFUL SIGN

Even Kung Fong, the attractive Communist woman employed in the party's office here, no longer welcomes correspondents with the heartiness of old. Kung Fong, who could talk with facility about Kuomintang troops raping and killing innocent women, or denounce "the Kuomintang's one-party rule," or clamour for "a democratic coalition government," is now minding her P's and Q's. In other words, she speaks with feminine caution.

But to some old-time correspondents, all these evidences, while disappointing to them in their work, are a hopeful sign. The meaning, they say, is that the Government and Communists are on the road to a compromise. If the unity conference fails, and tactics require inactivity against the Government, the correspondents feel Chou En-lai and Kung Fong and the rest will become their old selves again. Associated Press.

Execution Of Commandos

NUREMBERG, JAN. 7.—DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE MURDER OF A BRITISH COMMANDO COMMANDER, IN CARRYING OUT HITLER'S ORDER OF 1942 THAT ALLIED COMMANDOS MUST BE SLAUGHTERED "TO THE LAST MAN," WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NUREMBERG WAR CRIMES TRIAL TO-DAY.

The execution of a British commander and men of a midge submarine in Norway and of three British Commandos, who were given "special treatment" (formula already known to the Tribunal) at Fosen, Italy is expected to be among the examples quoted.

A supplementary brief on the Nazi persecution of the Church, an analysis packed with quotations by Major Elwyn Jones, M.P. of the British prosecution team, from the Nazi bible "Mein Kampf" is also on the programme for to-day.

It is not likely, however, that both will be squeezed in before the Tribunal rises. Reuter.

Hanged

Prague, Jan. 7.—Leo Rudek, 56, the Czech who helped the Germans destroy the statue of Woodrow Wilson in front of Prague's railway station, was hanged yesterday for the removal of the body of Czechoslovakia's Unknown Soldier at World War No. 1 from the City Hall.

He admitted that the remains had been taken in a sack to the Gestapo head quarters. Associated Press.

Shaw Wants A New Alphabet

LONDON, JAN. 7.—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW APPEARED TO-DAY TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO DRAFT A NEW ALPHABET WITH WHICH EVERY SOUND IN OUR SPEECH CAN BE WRITTEN WITH ONE GRAPHIC AND EASILY WRITTEN SYMBOL, WITHIN EVEN CROSSES OR DOTS.

Such an alphabet, the dramaist wrote in a letter to the "Times," would soon pay for the cost of the war in time saved.

Using phonetic spelling instead of "Dr. Johnson's monumental mis-spelling, which is now more sacred than the Creed and the Catechism," Shaw declared that the "phonetic" should be spelled "bom" dropping the final "b."

"I can scribble the word 'bom' barely legibly 18 times in one minute, and 'bom' 24 times, a saving of 25 per cent," the dramatist declared.

He urged that "brands" such as the advocates of a universal language should be exposed and discredited from the drafting committee of his proposed alphabet. Associated Press.

BING TOPS THE LIST

Hollywood, Jan. 7.—Bing Crosby has been named the nation's movie box-office leader again this year in a poll of exhibitors conducted by the "Motion Picture Herald."

Van Johnson was ranked second, followed in this order by: Greer Garson, Betty Grable, Spencer Tracy.

Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper tied for sixth place. Next in order were Bob Hope, Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Roy Rogers. Associated Press.

Ankara Demonstration Against Soviet

Ankara, Jan. 7.—Students of the Ankara University paraded in a demonstration that was finally broken up by the police after the Minister of Education had made an appeal to the marchers to disband.

The demonstration was similar to those which occurred in Turkey a month ago, when more than 20,000 persons swarmed through Istanbul, damaging newspaper shops and book stores in an outburst which brought an official protest from Russia. The demonstration reflected hostility to the Soviets.

About 1,000 students marched into the centre of the town after first visiting the Ataturk monument.

Mounted police and soldiers with fixed bayonets kept close guard as student speakers yelled: "We shall fight and guard Turkey's territory if she is attacked by anybody." There were no placards and no mention was made of any foreign power.

One and a half hours after the demonstration began, Education Minister Yucel appealed to the students to disband. The appeal was ignored.

Shortly afterwards the police broke up the meeting and took into custody two alleged leaders. The crowd was orderly throughout. Associated Press.

CLAIMS DENIED

LONDON, JAN. 7.—Turkish Prime Minister Sukru Saracoglu denied over the Ankara radio to-day the official validity of Soviet demands for Kars and Ardahan provinces, which were published in Moscow last month.

He contended a plebiscite after World War I gave the former Armenian provinces to Turkey. He declared: "Not a single Armenian lives in these areas." Associated Press.

MURDER ARREST

Cairo, Jan. 7.—A 25-year-old youth, son of an Egyptian government official, was reported arrested to-day in connection with the assassination of Amin Osman Pasha, former Egyptian Finance Minister. Associated Press.

GANGSTER TOLD HIS STORY BEFORE DEATH

The Weather.

To-day's forecast:—Mainly fair with morning haze, variable winds, mild day temperature.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum: 70 degrees at 2:30 p.m. Minimum: 61 degrees at 7:15 a.m.

MACAO, JAN. 7.—MACAO AUTHORITIES SAY THAT WONG KOON-KIT, THE NOTORIOUS GANG LEADER AND JAPANESE COLLABORATOR WHO WAS KILLED BY POLICE HERE ON THE NIGHT OF JAN. 2, DISCLOSED MANY OF THE DETAILS OF HIS SORDID WARTIME CAREER DURING THE WEEKS HE WAS IN CUSTODY AWAITING TRIAL.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT ON WONG KOON-KIT'S SUD- DEN DEMISE RELATES SIMPLY THAT THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES DECIDED TO MOVE HIM FROM ONE POLICE STATION TO ANOTHER.

A small guard accompanied the prisoner, it was reported, and he was riddled with bullets when he leaped from the car into the darkness in an escape attempt.

If there is more than that to the story of his death, the records fail to show it. But it is a fertile case for rumours to breed on.

The story he told to the authorities was of wolfram smuggling, of getting more "deeply and more deeply enmeshed under the Japanese gendarmery with his gang activities, of once being detained by Chinese guerrillas near the border between free and occupied China, and of bribing his way to freedom.

Wong Koon-kit, according to the authorities, said that the demands of Colonel Sava and the Japanese gendarmery became ever more exacting; that the demands required an ever-expanding gang to eat into his resources; that he became entangled in the octopus-like arms of conspiracy, intrigue and crime until life was a terrible nightmare, and his fate was tied ever more closely to his Japanese taskmasters.

"ORDERED TO KILL."

The Japanese blamed him for the escape of four American airmen from Macao. His gang was ordered to kill men against whom they had no grudge. Japanese promised him rewards, but payments always fell behind the needs of supporting the growing gang, which embarked on plundering, robbing and pillaging in occupied China.

Fate seemed to turn against him, he said, after a Chungking agent was shot to death under pressure from the Japanese. Stormy scenes followed with Colonel Sava. He got more deeply involved with Macao police. He could not even trust his own henchmen.

As authorities related the story, Wong Koon-kit continued with this narrative:

He decided to contact Chinese Communists and try to hide his identity in their ranks. He was about to join them when he and his wife were wounded when Macao police fired into their car. It was reported to have been accidental.

The police detained them and he thought the game was up, but Japanese pressure brought freedom again. Sava suggested they might escape to San Chio island after the surrender and then to Formosa, but Wong decided to join the Communists in the Po On district. He converted his gold into opium and took 100 cartons of the drug with him for use as currency. With numerous henchmen, he left

Spectacular Meteor Over Sydney

SYDNEY, JAN. 7.—A METEOR EXPLODED OVER NEW SOUTH WALES SATURDAY NIGHT WITH SPECTACULAR BRILLIANCE, ACCORDING TO MANY EYE WITNESSES.

The explosion took the capital by surprise at 7:45 p.m., when residents saw what resembled a brilliant flash of lightning. They flooded the Canberra commonwealth observatory with calls to find details and were informed by an officer there that, according to his calculations, the meteor was 60 to 70 miles high when it exploded.

Commonwealth astronomer Woolley was in his bath at the time and was a few seconds too late reaching the window to see the fireworks. However, he still was able to see a trail of smoke and estimated it was a large meteor.

He said it could have done a considerable amount of damage if it had fallen to the earth.

Woolley said there is no record of a meteor landing in Australia since pre-historic times. Associated Press.

HITLER SALUTE NEW STYLE

BERNE, JAN. 7.—THE EMBERS OF NAZISM ARE STILL SMOULDERING IN GERMANY, ACCORDING TO THE "JOURNAL DE GENEVE."

Some groups of former soldiers who call themselves Landsbergers have started a group somewhat reminiscent of the Stahlhelm after the last war, the paper said.

Members of the group salute each other holding their caps in one hand with the other arm stretched out in a camouflaged Hitler greeting.

"This is an affair which should be watched closely," the paper concluded. Associated Press.

Macao on Oct. 4 by motor junk.

NO REMORSE

A British patrol nearly caught him but he eventually landed safely in Communist territory. A banquet in his honour was a trap for his capture, although some of his men escaped.

The Chinese turned him over to Macao authorities last month. They said the notorious bad man, without remorse, realising he had backed the wrong horse and that his luck had run out completely, was ready to accept whatever fate awaited him. It did not take long in coming. Associated Press.

Congressmen Sore About Something

Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative Reid F. Murray, Wisconsin Republican, to day declared "everyone knows" that the proposed loan to Britain "will be used for bombs and bullets to take lives of innocent people in Java, Indo-China and other countries."

Asserting that the United States was providing \$2,700,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Murray added: "We should not nullify these Christian objectives by now providing Britain or any other country funds with which to carry on an imperialistic war to destroy human beings."

"The time has come to tell Britain and all countries that the American people are not going to give further from their depleted resources and money to any country that does not subscribe or support to the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

Administration leaders admit a strong opposition to the proposed \$4,400,000,000 loan to Britain.

Rep. Gerald W. Landin, Indian Republican, declared yesterday that "a confidential poll" of Congressmen showed enough votes to defeat the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

Congressional Republican and Democratic leaders have acknowledged the loan would meet strong opposition and might be defeated if an early vote were taken.

Landin said: "Congress will not

TOLL OF THE TORNADOES

Nacogdoches, Texas, Jan. 7.—A Red Cross team from St. Louis joined local relief agencies to-day in caring for 500 families made homeless and more than 800 persons injured by the tornadoes which tore across five eastern Texas counties on Friday night. Meanwhile, with four additional deaths the total casualties reached 29.

Property damage, estimated at \$2,600,000, is likely to be revised upward when a survey of damage has been completed. Associated Press.

JAP. WALKS IN ON POLICE

A Japanese merchant, named Matsuda Misao, gave himself up to the Police at about 4:45 p.m. yesterday, and was sent to Stanley internment camp.

He arrived here from Macao on board the s.s. "Crisa" and it was his first visit to the Colony. He had been in Macao for the past two years.

MACAO GOVERNOR'S YACHT SUNK

The yacht "Jessica" belonging to the Governor of Macao overturned and sunk on Saturday after hitting a breakwater at the entrance to Macao Harbour.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—A group of Indians has formed a Canadian Institute to promote good will between the two countries, as the result of the good impression made by Canadians in India during the war.

This was announced to-day by Professor H. V. Gokhale, the founder of the institute. Reuter.

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AN INSPIRATION

The fear, of Cyril O'Brien, the Melbourne barman, who pulls and serves a thousand pots of beer an hour, deserve to be on record as a worthy example both of an art's sake and of a useful, in critical time.

The more fact that has been told, however, close to an official such evening, and that Mr. O'Brien's manual dexterity has been perhaps superinduced by a combination of circumstances, leading to a complete and an inspiration which has been equalled elsewhere, (at least in Sydney) does not detract in the least from the admiration of the performance.

Between Mr. O'Brien and the common man there is obviously a close affinity of interest, and an individual who so conscientiously fills what may justifiably be called a gap in the modern man's well warranted pleasure of his fellowmen, as well as the same attached to a man in a remote, stable, in such a way that the day, he gives without caring in an anguished spirit, in the State Department. In the relation, however, the anguish may be of a different order and not from other causes, for the normal man of human race, the most honest of beverages, contains one of those such rare qualities that its very innocent sounds seductively and summons up nostalgic memories of good companionship. There is, indeed, something about beer that in the right atmosphere warms the cockles of the heart more generously and effectively than most of the harder liquors, and vast as may be the practical advantages of taking what one can get, something that goes with the long steady quelling of a ripe old ale in the night company tends to evaporate. Beyond doubt, the virtue is as much in the atmosphere as in the beverage, and though none can say that Hong Kong in these past few weeks has not had its fair share of the cup that cheers, there are not a few who have had, relatively, little joy of the business. It is doubtful, indeed, whether Hong Kong will come to full life and feel its normal self again until the "dual familiarity" of our local customs, canterers and clubs is restored to bind people more closely together in previous past associations, of the quiet corner, the quiet drink and the good conversation. The Gloucester Club does its best, but its best is a poor substitute for the normal rhythm of Hong Kong's more pleasing essays in sociability.

"PIN-UP GIRL"

The latest 20th Century-Fox musical comedy production "Pin-Up Girl" starring Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown, Martha Raye and John Harvey will open at the Queen's Theatre on Friday.

There are numerous scenes which will be long remembered, as nothing like them has been shown here for the past four years, with beautiful girls in the latest fashions dancing to the latest songs with Martha Raye and Betty Grable singing them. The picture is in technicolor.

TOMMY-GUNS IN A JUNK

Chau Sam, mistress of junk No. 49 H, was arrested by A/V Wall of No. 8 Police launch on Jan. 6 near Stonecutters Island. Two sub-machine guns and 23 rounds of ammunition were found in her junk for which she could not produce a licence. She was charged with possession of Tommy-guns and ammunition and was remanded for a 24-hour period. The arms were handed over to the Arms Office. Sentence will be imposed this morning.

S. I. Forster of the Water Police prosecuted.

Navy Gives A Party

The Wardroom of the Melbourne Hotel Naval Officers' Mess echoed to the joyous sounds of care-free laughter over a week-end when 70 Chinese children of ages ranging from three to 12 were entertained by the members of the Mess to a New Year's Party. Many of the children were from a local orphanage.

All the traditional English games associated with this festive time were played, and although young participants quickly admitted themselves and were soon taking part with gleeful endeavour. The musical chairs interlude provided an amusing incident. Concomitantly to the rules, the number of chairs decreased so the players melted.

The highlight of the evening was the entry of Santa Claus and his entourage, complete with reindeer. Each child received a toy, and the immensely amused "Santa" (Thank you) children the heart of everyone.

The party ended with a traditional Chinese song "God Save the King" in English.

A fire broke out on a small balcony on the midway at Hajer's, Sheppard, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. It was quickly put out and little damage was done.

Readers' Letters

Blithe Spirit

Sir, As one of the Colony's civilians I would appreciate the courtesy of your columns to think of ENSA for giving us a treat on Saturday afternoon with a public performance of "Blithe Spirit". The relatively poor attendance has aroused some controversy as to how much interest there is in Hong Kong in the theatre. I have spoken with several civilians who attended "Blithe Spirit" and there was such a general opinion of praise that I can quite confidently feel that the feature was appreciated.

The question apparently arises: Could the Colony support a permanent company here? I incline to the opinion that it could. We here are not the fashionable world that we were before the war. We have little enough of time to spare, and an afternoon performance was not necessarily a home-coming.

Though Saturday afternoon is generally a holiday here, offices are all understaffed and overworked to the point that many prefer to continue working on Saturday afternoon rather than be faced with an overload of accumulated work on Monday morning. Normal for a Saturday afternoon performance could not be successful in a sport-enthusiastic community.

Had the performance taken place at night, with a good and regular ferry service, good public transport, and the normal dose of private cars and taxis, I am more than certain that there would have been not only a full house for one night but a full one for many nights.

Those of us who know pre-war Hong Kong remember the fact that there were no fewer than four amateur dramatic societies functioning. They played locally to packed houses and were met by the press with whole pages devoted to a pictorial review of our amateur stars and scenes from the play.

Programmes carried a generous selection of advertisements that supported performances that if it would be unfair to call them of an indifferent standard, were at any rate not of a class to compare with a professional repertory company.

Again, why should the civilians bear the brunt of the blame for not having supported a good show. A professional company here under normal conditions would be supported as well by the Services who are, in effect, the normal Hong Kong matinee audience.

Attendance at any cinema at an early afternoon performance will convince any sceptic of this fact. Another important point is that many of the Colony's civilians are still in uniform and, as such, were entitled to and did see "Blithe Spirit" at a Services performance when they had the privilege of seeing it free.

We, in Hong Kong, have for years been looking forward to a regular repertory company here, a municipal theatre for the arts, a good public library and many other improvements to a Colony that has always cared little for an improved cultural standard to take in the mass.

We, who live here year after year, do have very little to say in what Government decrees expenditure on the arts, and we are, in effect, the higher arts, but we do, strangely, have some civic pride. One has only to see Kowloon Tong to realize this. There is much sentiment here for the better things and the local citizenry who settled there years ago built up a district that any city could well be proud of.

The Colony's desire for a good theatre has now, we are told,

A-Hunting We Will Go In N.T.

THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BECOME A WEEK-END "BIG GAME" HUNTING PARADISE. EVERY SATURDAY, JEEPS AND CARS BRING IN WILD PIG AND BARKING DEER STALKERS WHO OCCASIONALLY BAG A SPECIMEN.

CHIT CHITS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND THERE HAS BEEN A CRY OF TIGER! TIGER!

One controversy going on at present is in respect of fairness with regard to the barking deer. There is a school of thought among local "big game" hunters who consider it unsporting to stalk these with a .303 Service rifle and advocate a lighter calibre sporting gun.

Deer are to be frequently met with in the Lam Chung Valley, which is situated westward from the northern end of Tuen Mun, the valley extending up to Castle Peak Road.

More controversial is the question of the presence of any tiger in the Territories to day. A hunter of many years' experience in H.K. told the "China Mail" that some decent specimens, when old are creeps on on them, have been known to migrate from the Wanchow hills some 100 miles north-west of the New Territories.

WILD PIG STORIES

There are some good wild pig stories going the rounds. These seem all to bear relation to some one who got in between the gun and the pig and snatched a good shot. One police officer was reportedly very nearly maimed.

One difficulty about New Territories hunting is that the hunters are always on cue as to movements of wild pig or deer and will give excited information of a "herd" that was at a certain spot about a week earlier. Foot weary hunters embark on a long and hopeless quest and return discredited.

Some, however, have had remarkably good luck. One Civil Affairs officer has, reportedly, already hired a tanner who has turned out one leather travelling trunk and a number of belts from the hides collected.

COMMANDO LUCK

The Commandos stationed at Fanning, who are here all week, have a virtual monopoly on the best hunting. Naval parties sometimes go out but have reported very little success. The R.A.F., strangely, are only bored at the suggestion. There are also a number of Civil Affairs officers, police and an occasional civilian in the field.

"Big game" hunters do not like to speak about their bags. We approached several who insisted that the story of their bag was "private".

No large herds have been reported. The ones never exceed a dozen together. Principal complaint is that for successful hunting, a good intelligence should be organised among the villagers, but nobody has taken the trouble to organise it.

Army Kerosene In A Junk

Lt. Rosker, R.N.V.R., leading a search party on a police launch on Jan. 3, carried out a routine search of a junk near Soko Island. He found 699 four-gallon tins of kerosene in the hold and asked for the permit. The master, Tsim Yuen Fu, could not produce it and was taken into custody with his wife, Kwok Kam Shing.

At the Summary Military Court, Kowloon, yesterday, Lt. Rosker, R.A.S.C., testified that the tins were unloaded from the "Empire Clarion" recently and were in the middle East. None of the tins had been issued yet to the forces.

The accused said that they were told to carry the kerosene to Macao. The tins were taken on board from Cheung Wan.

Six months imprisonment with hard labour was imposed and the kerosene restored to the Lai Chi Kok petrol depot.

FERRY OFFENDER SENTENCED

Lee Hung-kwan, unemployed, was sentenced to six months hard labour by Lt. Nigel yesterday for picking the pocket of Cheung Yuen-fung on the ferry.

Inspector Forster, who prosecuted, said that the complainant noticed some \$1 notes lying beneath her feet. She put her hand into her overcoat pocket and found that the \$130 had gone. Having noticed a suspicious-looking man near her, she reported him to a Chinese detective. The accused was arrested and \$20 in \$1 notes was found on him.

Lt. Nigel in passing sentence said: "This type of offence is much prevalent at the present moment and I must impose a severe sentence."

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Albert Edward Knight Dunroby, Inspector of Blowers, residing at No. 24A, Shan Kwong Road, and Miss Alice Ho, of No. 24B, Shan Kwong Road, is announced.

which, by the Grace of God, the suit will never end.

JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ

Well-known Brothers Arrested

Marking the second arrest of French citizens in Shanghai by the Chinese authorities, the Municipal police arrested Arthur and Theodore Sopher, financiers and real estate brokers, and charged them with collaborationist activities. "The Daily News" learned.

It will be recalled that, last week, the former deputy chief of the French police was also arrested for joining the Japanese line, which aroused a storm of protest on the part of the French Consulate. To the effect that France had not yet relinquished extrajurisdiction in China, and that the arrest was consequently not in order.

However, this protest seems to have been disregarded, with the three into custody of these two prominent businessmen, whose activities, according to reliable information, mainly consisted in writing articles favouring the Japanese economic system and the puppet C.R.B. setup during the occupation.

The Sopher brothers regularly contributed a financial column to the former "Shanghai Times", and continued to do so after Pearl Harbor, supporting the economic and financial policies of the Japanese administration, in a manner that left no doubt as to their collaborationist tendencies.

It was learned that after a preliminary interrogation by the Chief Prosecutor, they will be brought to trial in the High Court in the usual manner, and charged under the new Government regulations dealing with persons suspected of having collaborated with the Japanese during the occupation to the detriment of and against the Chinese Republic.

MRS. ALLISON DEAD

News has been received of the death in Singapore of Mrs. F. C. Allison, formerly housekeeper in the Gloucester Building.

The late Mrs. Allison, who was over sixty years of age, was married at Stanley during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, and sailed for England in the "Highland Monarch". She was, however, taken seriously ill, and was put ashore on arrival in Singapore, where later she died as the result of medical treatment at the British General Hospital.

Her husband died in Hong Kong some years before the war. She leaves two sisters, Miss Ethel Jones, of West Croydon, and Mrs. F. D. Ross, of Vancouver, with whom the dearest sympathy will be felt.

PICKPOCKET GAOLED

Li Yiu-tong, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for attempted larceny in Wellington Street, near d'Aguilar Street, on Saturday.

He was also charged with stealing a black Shaffer fountain pen from an unknown person on the Star Ferry wharf.

Sub-Inspector Fong, who prosecuted, said accused was seen by a Chinese detective, attempting to steal from an aged woman who was purchasing rice in Wellington Street. When accused was searched, a fountain pen was found. He admitted that it had been stolen from a Chinese on the Star Ferry wharf the previous day.

Miniature Arsenals In H.K. Junks

Cheung Chong, master of a large motor junk, was charged before Lt. Nigel yesterday with the unlawful possession of two cannons, 50 rounds of cannon ammunition, four rifles and 270 rounds of ammunition and a revolver and four rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Bethell of the Water Police said that accused came from Macao and had just arrived at Cheung Chau harbour when the police searched his junk and found the arms without a local licence. Accused could produce Macao and Kwong Chow Wanchi licences.

The police requested that a lenient view be taken and consider it a technical offence. A nominal fine of \$250 was imposed while the arms and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

"The police would like the Court to take a similar view in this case," said Inspector Bethell when Chau Bing, junk fold, was charged with possession of a Bren light machine-gun, three rifles and 438 rounds of ammunition, five sticks of dynamite, 11 bags of gunpowder and four machine-gun magazines without a licence. The accused was arrested by A/B Holmes at the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter on Jan. 5.

He pleaded guilty and said he had just arrived when the police boarded his junk. The arms and ammunition were confiscated and the accused fined \$250.

AGAINST PIRATES

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Leung Kam, master of a junk at the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, for possessing 163 rounds of rifle ammunition, six detonators, five sticks and a jar of dynamite and a coil of fuse, without a permit. The accused said that he intended to use the munitions for self defence against pirates. A/B Holmes made the arrest while S. I. Forster prosecuted.

For having in his possession two rifles and 114 rounds of ammunition, Chau Fat Yek, junk master, was arrested by the Water Police under A/B Holmes on Jan. 5. Accused asked Lt. Nigel for 48 hours remand. Mr. F. H. Lacey will appear for the accused on Wednesday. Bail was fixed at \$1,500.

Tenancy Tribunal Faced With A Poser

IS A PROPERTY TRANSACTION DURING THE JAPANESE REGIME A LEGAL TRANSACTION? TO WHOM SHOULD THE TENANT PAY THE RENTS—THE ORIGINAL OR THE NEW OWNERS.

These questions were brought up before the Tenancy Tribunal sitting at the Supreme Court Building yesterday when a tenant against whom an application for eviction was brought claimed that he had been paying rents to the landlord, the original owner of the premises.

The case was that in which Yeung Yiu-yik applied to evict Cheung Shun-kee, tenant of the ground floor of No. 77B, Hollywood Road.

Hearing of the case was before a Tribunal comprising Messrs. K. Kan, N. C. Dastoor and H. K. Lee. Mr. H. K. Lee appeared for applicant Opponent appeared in person.

Mr. Kwan told the Tribunal that applicant purchased the house in January, 1945 for \$19,000 from Mrs. Ng and Mr. Chan. Applicant had not collected rents during the occupation. On Oct. 29 last year Messrs. D'Almeida and Mason were instructed to write opponent informing him of the change in ownership and that he should pay rents to applicant. Further letters were written fixing the rents at \$80 and requesting the rents for the months of October and November. No rents, however, were received.

Later it was discovered that opponent had been paying rents to the previous owners. Opponent claimed that rents for October, November and December had been collected by Chan Chow Pak Puk as before. Opponent further claimed that Chan was the landlord and the only person entitled to collect rents.

TITLE DEEDS

Yeung Yiu-yik, brother of applicant, gave evidence of the sale of the premises. Witness produced the title deeds which, he admitted, had not yet been registered. The opponent testified that the old landlords approached him to pay the rents stating that they would take responsibility. Opponent then produced a letter to this effect dated Nov. 5. Opponent added that he had been pressed by both parties to pay rents and that he was willing to pay rents to whoever may be the proper owners.

At this stage Mr. Kwan stated that he was prepared to withdraw the application if rents were paid as from October.

After some consideration the Tribunal decided to adjourn the case sine die in order that the Tribunal might consult the Rents Committee on the position of property sales during the Japanese occupation. The chairman remarked that at the present the Tribunal was not in a position to say whether applicant was the proper owner or not.

EVICTORY CLAIMS

Three applications for eviction came up for hearing before the Tribunal comprising Mr. Henry Leong, Capt. A. M. Rodrigues and Mr. Chan Kwan-po.

In the first, brought by Au Wing Yau against the Po Cheung Firm, of No. 2, Peel Street, ground floor, the application was granted. The applicant was represented by Mr. S. K. Brooks.

The ground, said Mr. Brooks, was that opponent, a sub-tenant, became a full tenant after the principal tenant had left the premises under a monthly tenancy agreement with applicant. Under

this agreement either party was to give one month's notice to quit. Opponent was given notice to quit on Aug. 19, 1945 and had not yet vacated premises.

Ng Lo-uen, proprietor of the Po Cheung Firm, said he was forced to sign the tenancy agreement in July, 1945. After re-occupation he had offered to pay rents but applicant refused to accept.

The application brought by Hon Chiu-fan against Leung Kwok-yuen, tenant of 38, Morrison Hill Road, first floor, was granted, the eviction order to take effect from Jan. 15. The ground of application was that opponent had obtained the premises through a transfer in the absence of the owner.

The Tribunal decided against Yan Yee-ying in her application for eviction against Leung Yung-kui, of No. 23, d'Aguilar Street. After evidence was called by both parties the Tribunal decided to disallow the application and fixed the rents at the pre-war rate of \$32 per month, inclusive of water charges.

"Artifex" Gives A Party

The Aberdeen Industrial School, being far out of town, does not see much of servicemen. But its turn came on Saturday, when 140 boys and members of the staff were the guests of H.M.S. "Artifex". They were brought by launch from Aberdeen and were entertained by the crew on board all afternoon.

The visit began with "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". Then followed an inspection of the ship, the boys being particularly interested in the huge workshops. An abundant tea was served in which there was every possible eatable to delight a youngster's heart.

Captain H. Allen then spoke to the boys and their vociferous cheering showed him they appreciated his great kindness in playing ship and men at their disposal for the afternoon. The visit ended with the boys singing lustily, their arms and pockets full of fruit and in their hearts the memory of an unforgettable afternoon.

HEAVY SENTENCE

A military search party together with Chinese detectives have been on duty in Kowloon for some time every night. On Jan. 5 at 8.30 p.m. Chung Tong was stopped and searched in Shanghai Street and a loaded revolver was found tucked into his belt. He was brought before Lt. Nigel at the Summary Military Court yesterday and found guilty.

Accused told the police that the revolver was to be handed to someone on board a junk in the harbour. Every effort was made but the junk could not be found.

S. I. Sykes who prosecuted asked the Court to take a very serious view of the offence. Lt. Nigel replied that in view of the armed robberies lately he felt justified in sentencing the accused to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

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FUSAN, KOREA, JAN. 7. LONG LINES OF BURDENED JAPANESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAIT STOLIDLY HERE FOR SHIPS TO CARRY THEM BACK TO JAPAN. THE HOMELAND WHICH MANY HAVE NEVER SEEN. KOREANS SCREAM AT THEM SPITEFULLY.

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More than 247,000 impressed Korean labourers have been brought back from Japan. Some 257,000 Japanese, including 99,000 troops and 158,000 civilians have been ferried to Japan.

"We still have about 300,000 Japanese soldiers and anywhere from 100,000 to 500,000 more Japanese civilians to get out of this country," said Maj. John M. Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa., the operations officer for the 40th U.S. Army Division.

The centre of this great shuffle ending Japan's colonial empire is in pier number one where thousands of Japanese carpetbagging families wait wearily for long hours to board jammed boats. They wait patiently with few complaints.

GET SUPPLIES

"If they haven't food, we give them enough from Jap army supply dumps to carry them across the straits," said Col. R. G. Stanton, Washington, D. C. "Our soldiers aren't rough with them but we don't mix with them in any way. We help women get their bundles and children on the gangplank safely and that's all."

A Japanese doctor delivered babies on four successive nights to women on the dock.

"All they ask for is a drink of coffee," an American officer said.

The stoical faces of the people on the pier show little of the distress mirrored in the countenances of European refugees. They suffer their fate calmly.

Each emigrant is inoculated against typhus and deloused, which is quite a game to the children as soldiers squirt disinfectant into their pants or kimonos.

Each Japanese gets to take with him 1,000 yen in cash and all the household possessions he can carry.

Nuernberg Trial To Drag On

Nuernberg, Jan. 7. Despite intensified efforts to speed up the war crime trial here of the 21 leading Nazis, some quarters here believed yesterday that the trial might continue into May, possibly June.

This belief was based on the assumption that the entire prosecution case cannot be finished before the middle of February and that the defence case would require two and a half months to three months. After that there will still be the closing statements.

The Tribunal faces the big job of studying the whole mass of evidence and of writing its findings.

However, the thoughts of the Tribunal and the prosecuting staffs turned more and more to the prospects of completing the proceedings as the American prosecutors prepared to hasten through the closing portions of their case this week.

The American prosecution is scheduled to finish its case by Monday, Associated Press.

That Morgan Story Again

Frankfurt, Jan. 7. An official spokesman in the German High Command, Dr. Friedrich H. Morgan, said today that the U.N.R.R.A. chief for Germany had received no instructions to return to London and was standing by for a decision on his resignation not to return.

"The spokesman said Morgan was surprised to hear a report that he had been recalled to London," Associated Press.

First In 50 Years

Copenhagen, Jan. 7. Helwig Leisner, 54, former war correspondent of a Danish Nazi paper, was yesterday killed by a firing squad in Denmark's first execution in 54 years.

The execution was for the murder of the Berlin correspondent of another Danish paper—Associated Press.

Defence In The Western Hemisphere

Washington, Jan. 7. Ambassador Gelo Plaza today said that Ecuador would submit to the forthcoming Rio de Janeiro Foreign Ministers Conference, a defence treaty proposal calling for economic military action against any aggressor threatening the Western Hemisphere of her peace security.

He said the treaty had been sent to all American Governments including Argentina, Brazil and Mexico, with treaty drafts on their own, have made the documents available to the Argentine Government.

Only the United States, which has repeatedly insisted that it would not sign the military accord with the present Argentine Military Government, has refused to provide Argentina with a copy of the treaty.

Ecuador defined aggression against American nations as "any move threatening the integrity, territorial sovereignty or political independence of any American State."

The Rio de Janeiro Conference is scheduled for an yet undetermined date between March 15 and April 15—Associated Press.

Terrorism Keynote In Korean Politics

SEOUL, JAN. 7. INTERFACINE FEUDS RESULTING IN SERIOUS KIDNAPPINGS AND BEATINGS CONTINUED HERE AS UNIFICATION OF THE LEFT AND RIGHT WING ELEMENTS APPEARED REMOTE AS EVER.

BOTH FACTIONS ARE CHARGED WITH THE ORGANISATION OF TERRORISM AND STAGING A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON EACH OTHER'S HIDE-OUTS. THE VICTIMS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BADLY BEATEN AND HELD PRISONERS. IN THREE INSTANCES, AMERICAN FORCES WERE CALLED TO RESCUE PRISONERS.

Japanese Wife Sees The Light

Tokyo, Jan. 7. A Japanese wife "burning with fierce hatred against the military" wrote to the newspaper "Yomiuri Hochi" that if the Americans are to imprison "little glass eyes" (Tuchiya) for life because of atrocities committed against the Americans, Japanese military leaders should be condemned to death for atrocities against the Japanese.

Japanese superior officers, the woman wrote, beat the soldiers for neglecting to salute them on the street "and from this, one could imagine what went on in the barracks."

"Through the judgment of Tuchiya I am burning anew with a fierce hatred against the military," she wrote—Associated Press.

NORTH CHINA CONTROLS

Tientsin, Jan. 7. A spokesman for Mr. T. V. Soong, President of China's Executive Economic Council, said that arrangements have been completed to control industry and transport in the newly occupied Chinese territory in the North.

He said that Soong had directed immediate resumption of work in Japanese-owned factories—Associated Press.

INDUSTRY NATIONALISED

Warsaw, Jan. 7. The Polish Government has formally nationalised all her basic industries. The National Council of the Homeland has ratified a decree giving the government control over every industry employing more than 50 persons per shift.

Among the enterprises affected were communications, systems, banks, mines, factories and public utilities—Associated Press.

Inflation Psychology In America

WASHINGTON, JAN. 7. THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION IS FIGHTING A CRITICAL TWO-FRONT WAR: TO KEEP PRICE CONTROLS AND TO BATTLE WHAT IT CONSIDERS INFLATION PSYCHOLOGY.

TOP O.P.A. MEN, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HAVE DONE A LOT OF TALKING BEFORE CONGRESS AND BUSINESS GROUPS. THEY SEEM TO BE SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER. THEY ARE.

This is what they're shooting at, and the reasoning behind the shooting.

Under the law, price control ends on June 30. Congress can extend it for another six months or a year beyond that date, or let it die on June 30.

Or Congress can kill price control anytime between now and June 30.

Some of the most powerful business groups want price control ended in February. These groups have great weight in Congress.

But the idea that price control might end in February creates a psychology of inflation. In this way, Business men, if they believe price control will end in February, will be inclined to hold back until then, goods they would have released now. Now they must sell at O.P.A. prices. With price control off in February, they could charge anything.

Some business men now are writing contracts which say in effect: This is the price of the goods now. But if it's delivered after price control is gone, the price will be higher.

INFLATIONARY MOOD

The inflationary mood of the country—in cases where there is no price control—can be seen in the spurring prices on the stock market and in real estate. Both are being used for speculation.

O.P.A. boss Chester Bowles' chief economic advisor, Richard W. Gilbert, recently told a New York business group: "The inflationary psychology is just beginning to take hold."

"It has not yet reached unmanageable proportions. But every day that passes sees it grow. The evidence is plain. Inflation is being talked about and talked up in clubs, parlour cars, and wherever business men congregate."

The National Association of Manufacturers wants price control ended by Feb. 15. The National Retail Dry Goods Association wants almost all price control ended by February 1. The National Association of Real Estate Boards wants rent controls ended as "rapidly as possible" and no price controls at all on building materials, or new homes.

RECKLESS IN EXTREME

Bowles told the N.A.M. at its convention that its recommendation to end price control two months from now was "reckless in the extreme."

Bowles has price controls on building materials, intends to keep them. He wants to keep that, with housing critically scarce and no real relief in sight for a year or more.

He has no price controls on sales of homes but thinks there should be. So does President Truman—Associated Press.

MARITIME CONFERENCE

Seattle, Jan. 7. The first post-war International Maritime Conference will be held here on May 20 to June 21. About 600 delegates from 21 leading maritime nations will discuss trade lanes, cargo subsidies and shipping procedures—Associated Press.

TOO MUCH FOOD IN AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 7. A report issued here by the Department of Agriculture offers scant hope of the nation being able to avoid post-war problems of food and farm surpluses and their resulting unfavourable economic developments.

The surplus is expected to arise with the disappearance of abnormal war-time demands.

The report says that even if Americans attain a high level of consumption, surpluses will continue in some commodities—Associated Press.

Morale In Pacific The Lowest Yet

MANILA, JAN. 7. THE MILITARY POLICE REPORTED A "NORMAL SUNDAY NIGHT" FOLLOWING A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY U.S. SOLDIERS BECAUSE OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT ORDER CUTTING DOWN THE RATE OF RE-DEPLOYMENT FOR HOME.

No violence was reported anywhere in a series of demonstrations. Leaders cautioned against excesses. They said they would "get further" with protests if they were orderly.

Associated Press correspondent Hal Boyle reported that the morale of the American armed forces in the Pacific was at the lowest ebb since Pearl Harbor. He said it had reached a point where efficiency and discipline was being undermined seriously.

He stated that officers as well as men were being affected by the slowly corroding resentment at policies keeping them in the western Pacific and Asia—Associated Press.

Higher Pay Proposal

Washington, Jan. 7. Legislation which would give a pay increase to more than 4,000,000 lower rank American workers may be ready to come before the U.S. Senate before the end of January.

The measure—one item on President Truman's list of imperative bills—would increase from 40 cents to 65 cents per hour the minimum wages for workers in industries engaged in interstate commerce. Most of the 23,000,000 workers involved in such industries already received more than the proposed new minimum—Associated Press.

Nazi Plot Revealed

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 7. Ten German soldiers entered Switzerland in civilian clothes in 1940 with instructions to blow up military installations in retaliation against the Swiss, the Swiss federal council reported yesterday. The plot was in retaliation for Swiss downing of a German plane flying over neutral territory. Police vigilance and troops reinforcements in the area thwarted the Nazis' intentions—Associated Press.

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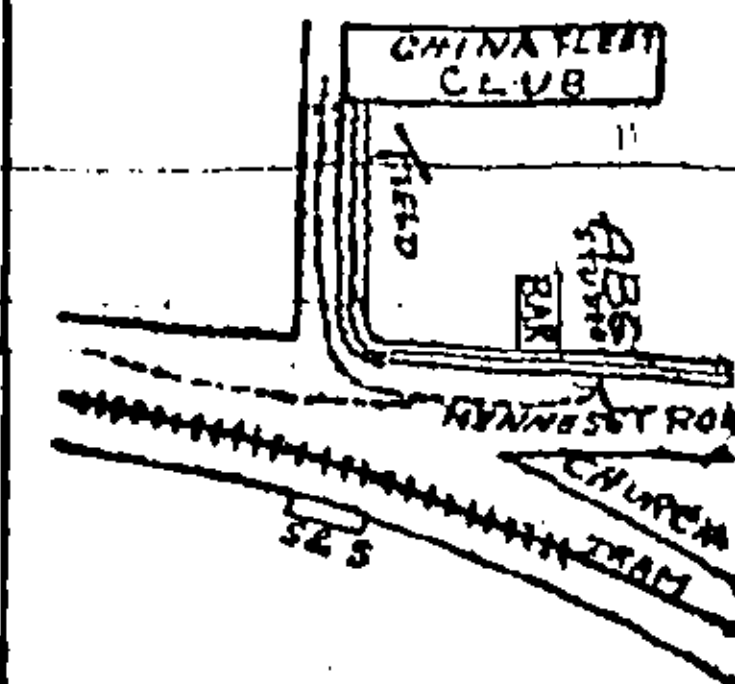
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HEBREW COMMITTEE'S DEMAND

Washington, Jan. 7. The Hebrew National Committee of Liberation today demanded a full investigation into the policies of the British Administration in Palestine.

The Committee made public a memorandum it had filed with the Anglo-American Committee, which begins hearings on Monday which said the liberation group is the "temporary national Hebrew authority" and is representing the interest of the Hebrew nation—Associated Press.

POLK INCIDENT

Home, Jan. 7. The newspaper "Lepom" in a dispatch said that 15 Italians were slain at Orsero, 80 miles north of Pola by Tito's agents.

Pola was an Italian naval base until Marshal Tito's Yugoslav took it over—Associated Press.

CLOSING DOWN

Batavia, Jan. 7. The United States Transport Command will close its bases in Batavia, Sukarno, Rangoon and Kunming this month, A.T.C. officials from Calcutta said today.

Bases will be maintained at Manila, Bangkok, Singapore, Chungking, Cebu, New Delhi, and Karachi, but the India command will be dissolved and moved to Paris to join the European division—Associated Press.

FREE CLOTHING

Athens, Jan. 7. The Greek Government today set aside 3,000,000 yards of yarns and textiles and some 100,000 ready-made suits to provide free clothing for civil service workers and public utility employees who are threatening to strike for higher wages—Associated Press.

NOTICE

Will all members of the American Club now in Hong Kong, please attend an informal meeting to be held in the Club premises on Wednesday, 9th January 1946, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the advisability of re-opening the Club.

S. S. CHURCH
T. B. WILSON

Hong Kong,
7th January 1946

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

NOTICE

POLICE AND PRISONS
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LICENCES

No person is permitted to keep a public billiard table unless licensed to do so under Ordinance No. 23 of 1933.

Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.

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Hong Kong, 5th January, 1946

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British Help To Rebuild "Steffl"

Vienna, Jan. 7.

The ten-year task of rebuilding Saint Stephen's Cathedral, which was burned out during the battle for Vienna, is going ahead with the help of the British army authorities and 60 German prisoners-of-war lent by the British to the Cathedral authorities.

In spite of the general transport shortage in the city, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard M. Greer, Commander-in-Chief of the British troops in Austria, has provided British army transport to help in the work.

In spite of all difficulties, lack of raw materials and transport, short rations for the local workmen and the cold weather, repairs to the Cathedral are going ahead well, and the architect, Professor Karl Holay, hopes that it will be possible to roof over the nave in time to prevent irreparable damage to the structure.

Saint Stephen's, probably the finest pure Gothic Cathedral in the world, was untouched by the war until the last minute, when Red Army troops were fighting their way through the streets of Vienna.

As the last SS troops were falling back to the northern suburbs, they set fire to shops and houses in the centre of the city all round the Cathedral, and sparks from the burning houses ignited the Cathedral roof. Austrian fire-fighting squads kept the flames under control for two days, but with all water mains cut, the fire gradually gained the upper hand and eventually the whole roof collapsed, crashing into the choir and destroying the carved wooden choir stalls dating from 1486.

TREASURES UNCOVERED

Apart from the choir stalls almost nothing of real value was lost in the fire. Most of the valuable pictures and carvings had been stored in the catacombs shortly after the outbreak of war. Two hitherto unknown art treasures, a fresco and a picture of the Cathedral itself drawn on the wall by a 15th century builder, were revealed for the first time by the destruction of the great organ at the northern end of the nave.

The first aid repairs now being undertaken consist of the construction of a concrete roof over the vaulting of the nave, which was largely undamaged, and the building of a temporary wall dividing the badly damaged choir from the relatively intact nave.

The Cathedral authorities hope that it will be possible to hold services in the nave in about six months. Professor Holay, the architect, estimates that the complete reconstruction of the cathedral will take about ten years and cost about £175,000. This sum will be raised by public subscription. About one-third of it has already been received in the form of voluntary gifts from the people of Vienna who, whether Catholics or not, have always had a deep affection for "Steffl" as they call the cathedral. Some of the very few Jews who are left in Vienna have also given contributions to wards the work.

The city council of Vienna has given the cathedral authorities permission to take what stone they need from ruined buildings in the centre of the city. Reuter

G.I.'s A "Bad Influence"

Manila, Jan. 7.

Lieut. General W. D. Styer today told American soldiers protesting against the redeployment slow-down that U.S. Secretary of War Robert Patterson had decided to pass by Manila on his round the world tour directly from Tokyo. Patterson was due to arrive in Manila on Saturday, he said.

A five-man Committee has been named by the G.I.'s at a mass meeting to see Patterson who will remain in Manila for seven or eight days.

Three thousand soldiers marched in an orderly fashion to Headquarters following the mass meeting. Styer told the Committee that the "changing international situation" made it impossible to send all those eligible for discharge home immediately. He said the mass meeting had a bad influence on Philippine island residents and "no matter how good your intentions I am afraid some hot heads will cause trouble and somebody will get hurt." The Committee assured Styer that all demonstrations so far have been orderly and that they will do their utmost to preserve order. Associated Press.

New Reading Matter At A Premium

LOCAL BOOKSHOPS REPORT THAT HEAPS OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PERIODICALS ARE ON THE WAY AND WILL BE HERE FOR CERTAIN, WITHIN THE MONTH. ONE BOOKSHOP PROMISES A LARGE CONSIGNMENT WITHIN THE WEEK. WHAT PRICES WILL BE REMAINS A SHOP SECRET. THE PRESIDENT GRANT BROUGHT IN A LARGE NUMBER OF BACK COPIES OF LIFE MAGAZINE WHICH WERE PUT ON THE MARKET AT \$5 AN ISSUE. DEMAND AT THIS PRICE WAS SO SLIM, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRICE WAS CUT TO \$3.

Book shops have started undercutting one another and it is now possible to buy a pre-1941 Penguin for \$1. The Colony, and the Services particularly, are hungry for new reading matter and are willing to pay high prices even for old.

As a result, prices of old books even at a rate of \$2.50 to one shilling are being maintained in some instances and no price-tag has been found at less than \$2 to a shilling.

Greatest demand is for detective stories, even at \$5 a volume in a cheap edition. A demand is even reported for old and 7d. romantic and adventure thrillers of the 1930-vintage by writers of the E. W. Savil, Emmeline Morrison and J. S. Fletcher calibre.

There seems to be a definite trend for escapist literature among book-store patrons. Classics are available but are in moderate demand. American movie magazines have finally put in an appearance and are selling at \$5 a copy.

There is a limited number of new English periodicals already on sale, but business is not brisk at \$2.50 for a 1/3 publication.

HIGH MARGIN OF PROFIT

Large stocks of new mazines may bring prices down. Book-sellers, however, state that high cost of living and rehabilitation demands higher prices and that a high margin of profit has to be maintained in order to keep the shop going.

In Kowloon, only three, and in Hong Kong, only one have survived the Japanese occupation. Most of the trade while the Japanese were here consisted in under-the-counter sales of such forbidden literature as Veep's "Secret Agent of Japan," Edgar Snow's "The Battle for Asia," and "Red Star Over China," as well as Fred Uggles' "Japan's Feet of Clay." Japanese, particularly civilians, were highly desirous of reading these and paid well.

GENERAL CHANG LEAVES FOR CANTON

General Chang Feh-kwei, C-in-C. of Chinese troops in Kwangtung, who arrived in Hong Kong three days ago on an official visit, returned to Canton yesterday morning together with General Ho Shih-li and others of his entourage by plane.

Among those at Kai Tak to see him off were the G.O.C., Major-General Frank Feasting, Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook, members of the Chinese military mission, Mr. Chan So, of the local Kuomintang, and M. Tunc Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

TURNING OFF THE BRIGHT LIGHTS

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

With the steady departure of free-spending G.I.'s for home, one 750 of Shanghai's 1,800 mostly improvised cabarets, bars and night-clubs have closed down and are being reconverted into promiscuous shops, godowns, garages and kitchens.

And their owners are investing their quickly accumulated greenbacks in steady trades. More bars and cabarets are expected to turn off their bright lights shortly as the United States Army's war against high prices here gathers momentum. The U.S. Army authorities are placing out of bounds all establishments unable to comply with the ceiling prices fixed by them. Reuter.

ENTRY INTO MUKDEN

Tientsin, Jan. 7.

Chinese sources to-day said the Russians at Mukden had agreed to let unarmed troops of Lieut.-General Tu Lu-ming to enter the city. They said that some Chinese troops on the outskirts of the town are expected momentarily to enter.

Three Russian liaison officers from Manchuria have been in conference with Chinese army officials. Associated Press.

Gallant End Of River Steamer

THE STORY OF HOW A GALANT LITTLE STEAMER MEASURED BUT 170 FEET IN LENGTH BY 30 FEET IN BREADTH WITH A HULL OF 4 INCH PLATING FOUGHT A LOSING BATTLE WITH SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN SEAS AFTER SINKING A LARGE TRANS-PORT CAN BE TOLD TO-DAY.

The s.s. Li Wo, one of the many river steamers requisitioned by the British Navy from the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., on the outbreak of war, was on patrol duty between Singapore and Java one day in February, 1942 when she sighted a heavily protected Japanese convoy in the Banks Strait. The Li Wo closed in and concentrated her fire on a large transport which was soon set ablaze. Although badly hit by shells from enemy cruisers and destroyers, the Li Wo managed to ram the blazing transport, thereby causing its destruction. The Commanding Officer on the Li Wo, believed to be the late Capt. Wilkinson, refused to leave the sinking ship and went down with her.

Other officers who gave their lives to their country in this heroic episode of naval warfare were Capt. Robertson, Chief Engineer J. G. Murray who died beside his beloved engines, and Second Engineer Manson who perished in the sea when some 20 miles from the nearest land. "North China Daily News."

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The s.s. "E. Sang" left for Swatow on Sunday with a cargo of about 200 tons of general merchandise including 50 drums of kerosene, and a passenger list of about 250.

At noon yesterday the s.s. "Kweiyang" sailed for Shanghai with about 300 tons of general cargo and 800 cases of medical supplies for the British Red Cross. She also carried 400 odd passengers.

The s.s. "Pak Hai" is scheduled to sail for Bangkok this afternoon. She is carrying no cargo or passengers.

Expected arrival is the s.s. "Shantung" due from Bangkok to-morrow with a cargo of rice.

AND WOMEN NOW!

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

The Communist Party to-day followed General MacArthur's latest directives against the ultra-nationalists with the demand for the elimination of "women war criminals."

Yumaki, Chief of the Party's women's department, declared that a public rally of Communists had already prepared a list of alleged feminine war criminals among educators, officials of the women's section of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, authors and officers of the government-sponsored Nippon Women's Association. Associated Press.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

SHOWING TO-DAY

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MARGARET LOCKWOOD
JAMES MASON

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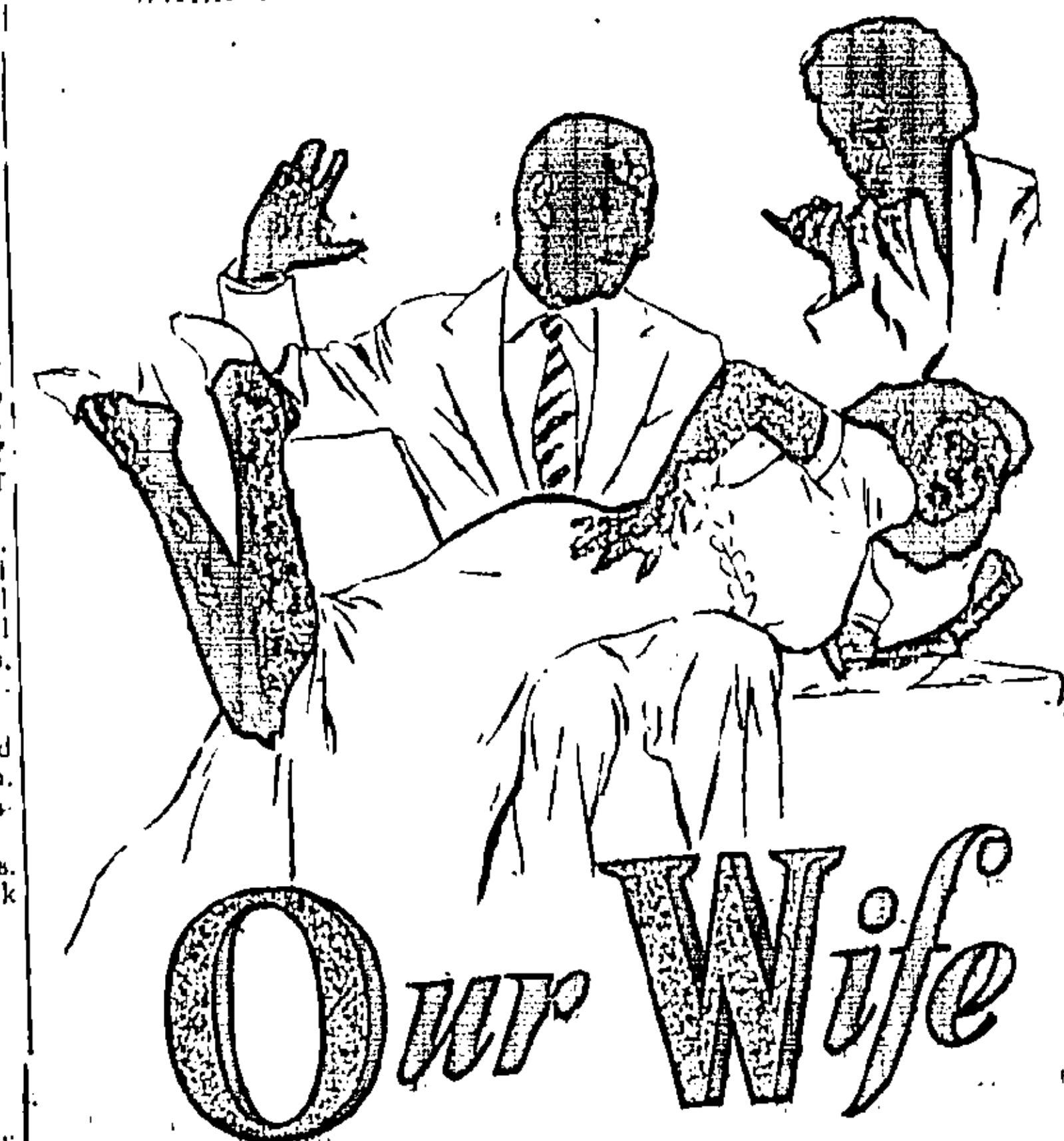
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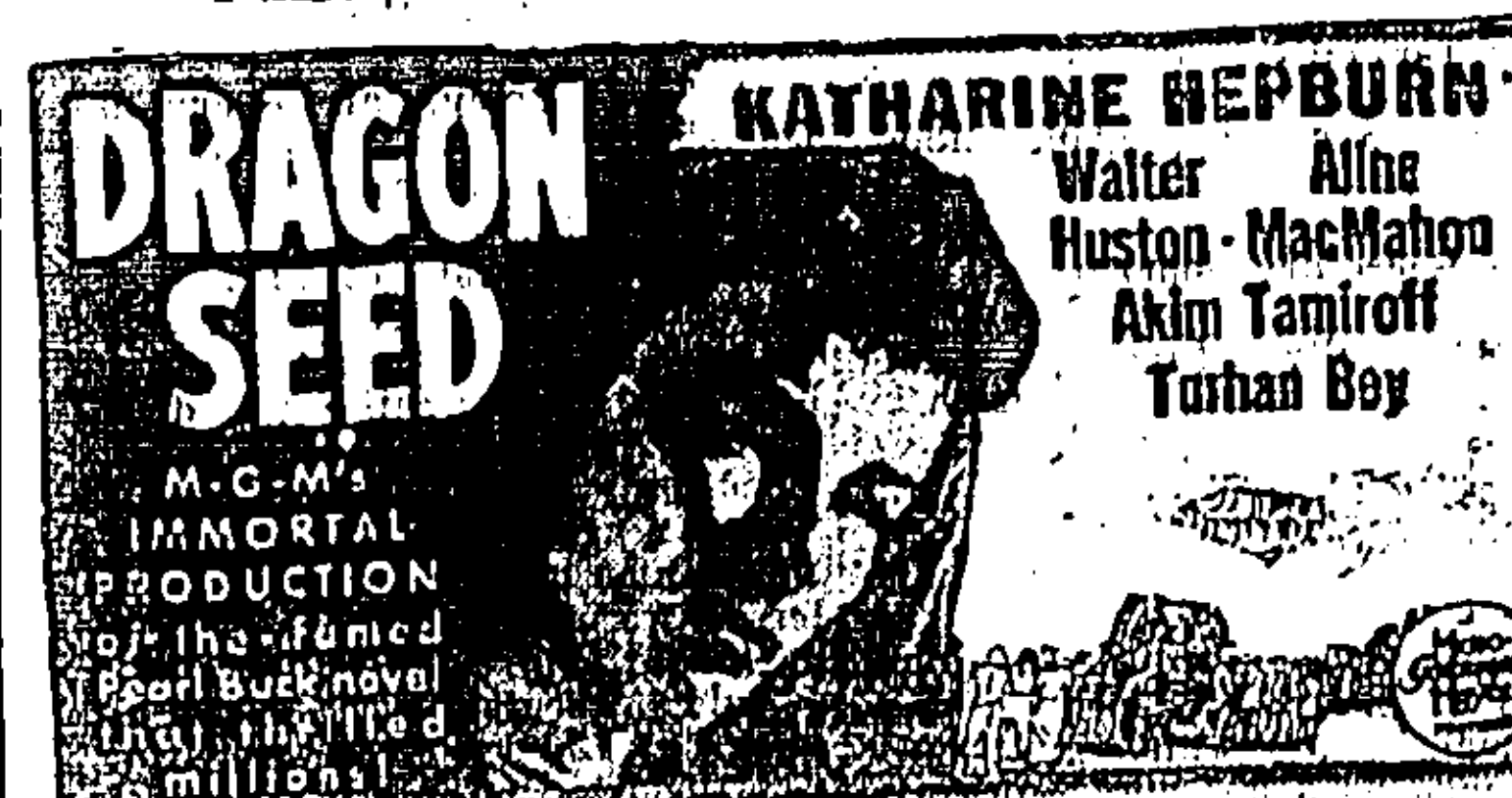


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Foul Play Suspected In Yokohama

Yokohama, Jan. 7.
The 8th Army Provost Marshal has begun investigation into the reported disappearance last week of Crescencio Bidez, 17-year-old Filipino mess-boy, who was last seen leaving an aircraft rescue vessel at Yokohama pier.

The boy left behind in his quarters several hundred dollars in yen, pesos and American money, indicating that he had planned to return to the ship. He had never before stayed away from the ship over a few hours.

Investigating officers are working on the theory that there may be foul play. Associated Press.

Steering Clear Of Trouble Spots

WASHINGTON, JAN. 7.
THE UNITED STATES ENDED AT MIDNIGHT THE LAST VESTIGE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND, LEAVING ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THAT POLITICALLY TROUBLED REGION TO GREAT BRITAIN. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS DISCLOSED IN A BRIEF TWO-SENTENCE MIDNIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEFS OF STAFF, WHICH STATED:

Since the participation of United States forces in the India-Burma campaign has ended, and the United States does not envisage participating in future operations incident to the disarming of Japanese troops and the restoration of civil government in territories under S.E.A.C. the combined chiefs of staff consider that it is no longer necessary from the military point of view for a United States force to remain in a fully integrated British United States headquarters. Therefore, United States

representation at S.E.A.C. will henceforth be limited to inter-Allied liaison.

The move has significance in view of the current strife in the East Indies, and especially Java where British and Dutch forces are battling Indonesian nationalists.

While the United States shared in the original decision to send troops to Java, it has since demonstrated political unwillingness to British action there.

American personnel have not participated in the military operations, and some weeks ago the State Department requested that the British should remove all American labels from any lend-lease arms and vehicles used in action against the Indonesians.

STEERING CLEAR
U.S. Army civilian government personnel have steered completely clear of the area.

No United States combat forces have been in the S.E.A.C. zone since last June, when the Japanese were driven from Rangoon.

United States representation in the theatre is limited to Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters of about 20 officers, it is understood. Previously there were about 100 army, air force and naval officers working there.

The command was established after the September 1943 Quebec conference between Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt, several Chinese leaders and service chiefs. S.E.A.C. territory included Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Thailand, India, the East Indies and the Admiralty Islands.

Associated Press.

LONGEST BAR AGAIN FUNCTIONING

Shanghai, Jan. 7.
The Shanghai Club, one of the best known social institutions here, was officially reopened on New Year's eve by Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, British Consul General, before a large gathering of members.

Internationally famous for possessing what is reputed to be the longest bar in the world, this British club, with a large international membership, was closed down by the Japanese authorities shortly after Pearl Harbour, and throughout the occupation was used as headquarters by the Japanese Navy.

After the Japanese surrender the British Navy took over the premises for a time. Reuter.

SHOCK ABSORBER

Washington, Jan. 7.
In a report reviewing the year, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace declared that the outstanding economic feature of 1945 was "the resiliency with which American economy absorbed the shock of the sudden end of the war" and the speed with which it met about reconversion to peace-time production. Associated Press.

First Death Sentence In Japan Trials

YOKOHAMA, JAN. 7.
FIRST LIEUTENANT KEI YURI OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY WAS TO-DAY CONDEMNED TO HANG BY THE UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSION FOR ORDERING THE KILLING OF AN AMERICAN SOLDIER BY BAYONET.

Yuri, former commandant of the Omura Prison Camp, was convicted by the Commission of the death of Private Noah C. Heard, of Salinas, California. This is the second conviction in "atrocity" war crimes trials held in Japan and the first death sentence.

Standing stiffly erect before the American officers of the court Yuri showed no trace of emotion and his eyes never moved as sentence was read in English and then repeated in Japanese.

Yuri held out his hands while handcuffs were placed and then led away.

The Commission found him guilty of ordering the execution of Heard and of permitting the tortury and killing by starvation of

Corporal James G. Pavlovich, of Chicago, Illinois. He was found innocent on two other specifications alleging that he had failed to provide international markings on the prison hospital, withholding Red Cross supplies and of beating another American private.

In the first war crimes trial in Japan, Takuo Tsuchiya, prison camp guard, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Yuri's defense attorney James Harold Emmons said that death sentence was imposed by the Commission in the second case because there were eye-witnesses to the execution.

Sadokichi Oi, interpreter at the Omura camp, had testified that he had witnessed the execution of Heard and saw Yuri give the order to his soldiers to bayonet the former. Associated Press.

Unknown M.P. Cleared

LONDON, JAN. 7.
A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHOSE IDENTITY WAS KEPT SECRET, HAD HIS NAME MENTIONED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Members of Parliament adopted a motion put by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, with "the object of doing justice to a Member who had appeared before the Committee of Privileges in June, 1942."

The Member concerned had been absolved of the charge against him, and Mr. Morrison said he only wished to ask the House to agree to the publication of the report without the minutes of evidence. So his name may never be known to the public.

Mr. Morrison said he felt it was only right for the sake of the public and of history that when the emergency had been passed, the security had been lifted.

(The House of Commons had just previously agreed that all 65 secret sessions of Parliament, held during that war, were no longer secret, but the House of Lords insisted that their secret sessions remain secret.)

Mr. Morrison added that the decision the House had just reached would cause the name of the Member to appear in the journals of the House with a certain imputation of improper conduct on his part. Unless the report of the Committee of Privileges, which incidentally cleared him by its recommendations, was now released from ban, the Member was without proper clearance. Reuter.

Heir Plans To Become A Hawker

Gordon Roll, playboy, big money gambler and fairy godfather to any ne'er-do-well who spun him a hard-luck story, told me that he is broke and is planning to become a door-to-door hawker to earn enough money to keep himself. (writes Ben-tram Jones in the Daily Express).

In less than 10 years he has spent more than £200,000 (I quote his own figure) on racetracks, gambling at race tracks, in Continental casinos and on sports. To-day he has only £130.

He is living now on a £500 loan advanced him by his brother, the Rev. James Cecil Roll, fellow beneficiary under the will of their father, who made a fortune as a builder. To-day Gordon Roll is living in a bed-sitting-room in a three-guinea-a-week Leicester boarding-house.

I lunched with him in the grill room of Leicester's best hotel. He still greeted the waiters as "old boy," still ordered the most expensive drinks, and insisted on sending for cigars which he could not afford.

"I have always been used to it. It is hard to get out of it, old man," he said apologetically.

He told me that he owes £10,000 to three London book-makers. He can no longer frequent race courses, but he still bets. "What else can I do to make money, old boy?" he asked me. "I'm no good for any job. I was never brought up to earn my own living and I won't ask my family to keep me. I still have my pride you know."

HE LEARNS SOMETHING
In a public bar a friendly stranger came over to us. "I couldn't help overhearing what you said about selling things from door to door, Gordon," he said. "I just wanted to warn you that you will need a licence for it or you will be pinched."

Gordon was incredulous, but grateful. "Thanks awfully for mentioning it, old man," he said. "A licence, eh, just for selling razor blades and things? I did not know."

He was even more surprised when I advised him to think twice about parting with £20 to two men who had invited him to invest in a hawker's business.

He said: "But they told me I shall get £3 a week, old boy." Gordon said he had got rid of £20,000 since he left the Army

Resigned From Gaol

Tokyo, Jan. 7.
From Sugama Prison the war criminal suspects Taketora Ogata and Kazuo Aoki tendered their resignations as members of the House of Peers yesterday.

Ogata was Minister without portfolio and President of the Board of Information in the Hirofumi Cabinet, while Aoki was Vice-President of the outland Imperial Rule Assistance Association. Associated Press.

Fascists In Switzerland Hide-Out

Berne, Jan. 7.
Speaking on the case of Dr. Wilhelm Furtwangler, the noted German orchestra conductor who is now in hospital, Swiss President Eduard von Steiner said yesterday that Furtwangler had not been unfriendly to Switzerland, nor had he helped to spread National Socialist propaganda.

Nevertheless, it had been suggested that he should leave the country as soon as doctors certify him fit to travel.

Though he failed to specify the number, von Steiner said that many German diplomats were still interned in Switzerland.

About Italian diplomats, the Swiss president informed council members that Gen. Taccardi Bianchi, Italian military attache under the Mussolini regime, would probably leave the country soon.

Count Volpi, another Italian refugee who was in hospital, would be expelled from the country as soon as his medical condition made that step possible.

The case of Count Giuseppe Baccinelli, former ambassador to London, was being held in abeyance pending further investigation by the department of Justice, von Steiner concluded. Associated Press.

COLONY'S "LYON'S" CLOSES DOWN

YESTERDAY, AFTER SIX MONTHS OF HARD WORK, THE BOAT POOL IN THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCK-YARD DISCHARGED ITS LAST NAVAL CREW. IN FUTURE, THE BOATS UNDER THE POOL WILL BE ENTIRELY CHINESE-MANNED, AS THEY HAVE BEEN, TO A GROWING EXTENT, EVER SINCE THE NAVY TOOK OVER IN SEPTEMBER LAST.

A visit to the Boat Office at Flag Staff Steps yesterday resulted in an interview with Lt. Cavill, of Manchester, who is in charge.

"This office," said Lt. Cavill, "is sheer bedlam at times. Like the cafes of Montmartre, if one waits long enough here, one will meet everybody one ever knew. This morning is rather quiet, though." The phone was ringing, people were continually coming in and going out, boats were arriving every few seconds, but it was quiet, he said. On being asked what he meant by a busy day, Lt. Cavill considered for a minute, and then admitted that New Year's Day had been "pretty hectic."

"MAKE AND MEND"

"We had more boats than we could fit into the Pool at times," he said. "On top of the ordinary traffic, nearly every ship in the harbour was sending drafts ashore to barracks, and barracks were sending drafts to ships for passage home. We were at it for over twelve hours solid, and to add insult to injury, someone found a signal at nine o'clock that night from the C-in-C, proclaiming a general 'Make and Mend' (half day holiday)."

Things happen fast in the Boat Pool, and the staff has had a fair share of excitement. One night an escaped lunatic came down to the office and demanded passage home. They kept him talking for a long time until the Patrol arrived to take him away. Another time, the dead bodies of three pirates and one of their victims were temporarily stowed in the office.

"That was quite normal," says Lt. Cavill. "This place is a cross between a left-luggage office and a tea-bar, anyway."

Yesterday, the 100-odd boats under the control of the Boat Pool, ranging from the C-in-C's Barge, through the whole range of fast motor boats, large launches, cutters, steam minnows, tugs, M.F.V.'s to small craft of every shape and description, are manned by Chinese crews, both Navy and civilian.

FATILER CHAN

In charge is Chief Petty Officer Tai Sine, better known as Father Chan, who has been in the Navy since 1905. He holds the medal of the Royal Humane Society for life-saving. When new crews or additional personnel are needed, "Father Chan's Press Gang" fetch them in. Another old Navy man is Luen Sui, who first joined in 1914, and is the traffic controller. He is better known as "George," and is a very familiar sight at Flag Staff Steps, broadcasting through a hand-mike to boats at the other side of the pool.

Rates of pay for these Chinese crews are good. An A/B, or his equivalent gets \$83 a month all told, a Leading Seaman \$92, Petty Officer \$102 and a Chief Petty Officer \$108. There are no Chinese officers as yet.

BEYOND SHOCK

When asked about any particularly annoying incidents, Lt. Cavill said that anything was liable to happen at any time, but that it really was annoying to be asked at 3 a.m. of a cold morning which was the next boat out to a ship

living at the far end of the harbour. "However," he went on, "this being such a peculiar institution, we have long since lost all feelings of surprise." One of the few remaining ABs in the office compared the place to Lyon's Corner House.

"I would like," finished Lt. Cavill, "to pay a tribute to the Chinese crews we have working with us, for they really are doing a wonderful job. It doesn't matter what time of boat you give them, or to which part of the harbour you send them. You can rely upon them getting there without any trouble."

POLISH UNDERGROUND DENIAL

Rome, Jan. 7.
General Wladislaw Anders, former Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, yesterday denied allegations that he said had been made that he and members of the second Polish Corps were attempting to organize a Polish underground movement in opposition to the present Warsaw Government.

Anders told a press conference: "Neither I nor troops under my command recognise the Warsaw Government because it was not chosen freely by the Polish people." Associated Press.

JOB NEARLY OVER

Washington, Jan. 7.
An Army official said to-day that repatriation of Japanese prisoners from the United States is expected to be completed about Jan. 15. He stated that whether the job will be done by then depends on the ability to move prisoners without interfering with United States troop transportation.

Last September there were 3,080 Japanese prisoners in the United States. Associated Press.

PRETENDER'S TRIP

Madrid, Jan. 7.
Prince Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish Throne, is reported to be planning a trip to-day to Lisbon by plane from Switzerland.

It was rumored that the motive of the trip is connected with a conference he is seeking with General Franco regarding the restoration of the Monarchy in Spain. Associated Press.

RADIO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1946.
TALK BY LT. A.B. BATES, R.N. FROM THE STUDIO.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.25 Megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programmes Summary.

12.32 p.m.—The Organ, The Danco Band and Mo.

12.50 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—A Programme of Spanish Music.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Artie Shaw & His Orchestra and Bing Crosby.

3.00 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

3.15 p.m.—Services Music Box.—ENSA.

3.30 p.m.—R.A.F. Concert Orchestra.—ENSA.

4.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Lt. A.B. Bates, R.N.—The First of The Series—"The Sea in Nalton's Time."

4.15 p.m.—Manned Bands of H.M. Royal Marines.

4.30 p.m.—Irish Folk Choir.

5.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

5.30 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

5.50 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Orchestral Concert with Charles Kullman (Trio) and Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.30 p.m.—Prokofiev—Concerto No. 3 in G Major, Op. 28.

11.00 p.m.—Glen Derry.

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Having Fun On U.S. Transports

By Hal Boley

SHANGHAI, JAN. 7.
AMERICA'S SPICK AND SPAN NAVY IS STILL SOMEWHAT DAZLED FROM THE IMPACT MADE UPON IT BY CHINESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS IT FERRIED TO FORMOSA AND NORTH CHINA. THESE JOINT OPERATIONS ALSO HAVE HAD THEIR EFFECT ON CHINESE KAI-SHEK'S TENNIS SHOULDER SOLDIERS.

"They certainly lead a different life from that of American troops," said Lt. Boley, commander of a ship which made two lifts of Chinese troops to Formosa. "But I'll say this for them: they were easily handled and would do anything you told them if you could just get across what you wanted."

Boley sympathizes with the Chinese soldiers because until he went into the navy two years ago he himself had never been in a

9,000 Pounds A Year Job Going

The appointment of Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization will, according to a tentative suggestion of the Executive Committee, be worth \$20,000 with an expenditure allowance of another \$15,000, about \$35,000 tax free, says the Daily Telegraph.

The Secretary-General will also be provided with an official residence, fully furnished and staffed. Only if he happens to be a subject of the country in which the headquarters is situated will he be liable to income tax.

The nomination will be made by the Security Council and the election will be one of the first duties of the Assembly.

Among names which have been mentioned as a possible choice are Gen. Eisenhower, Mr. Stalin, Mr. Eden, and Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, on the one hand, and on the other a Canadian, or a Norwegian, as representing one of the smaller countries.

SHIPMENT OF FLOUR ARRIVES

The m.s. "City of Eastbourne," which arrived in Hong Kong last Saturday, is unloading a cargo of 1,800 tons of flour from Shanghai and some motor-trucks for U.N.R.R.A. at Holt's Wharf.

She is scheduled to sail on Jan. 11 with about 4,000 tons of general merchandise for Singapore, consisting mostly of Chinese food-stuffs of which there is a shortage in Malaya.

Chinese shippers have been busily preparing goods for shipment during the past ten days.

RETURNING HOME

Yokohama, Jan. 7.
Colonel L. B. Shaw, of the American 8th Army staff, to-day announced that all 50-point and 3 1/2 year men in the 6th Army zone, including the former 6th Army area in Japan will leave for home by Jan. 31 unless shipping now assigned to Japan is diverted elsewhere.

An order has been issued to start 50-point men on the way to four replacement Japans. Associated Press.